

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-4 (cancelled).

5. (New) A device for recognizing a pole crash, comprising:
- at least one environment sensor to determine an impact velocity;
  - at least one impact sensor to determine an acceleration occurring in a crash; and
  - a processor configured to detect the pole crash on the basis of the impact velocity and the acceleration and to activate a restraining device as a function thereof.
6. (New) The device as recited in claim 5, wherein the processor is configured to determine a time between a moment of impact and a moment an impact object strikes an engine block, using the impact velocity and the acceleration, the processor determining the pole crash as a function of the time.
7. (New) The device as recited in claim 5, wherein the at least one environment sensor is a radar sensor.
8. (New) The device as recited in claim 5, wherein the at least one environment sensor is an ultrasonic sensor.